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EVERY WOMAN'S OPPORTUNITY

The Bulletin wants good home letters; good business letters; good help letters of any kind the mind may suggest. They should be in hand by Wednesday, of each week. Write on but one side of the paper.

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THREE PRIZES MONTHLY: \$25.00 to first; \$15.00 to second; \$10.00 to third. Award made the last Saturday in each month.

SOCIAL CORNER POEMS.

The Easiest and the Hardest Thing

Prayer is the simplest form of speech
That infant lips can try;
Prayer the sublimest strains that reach
The Majesty on high.

Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air;
His watchword when the gates of death
He enters Heaven with prayer.

Prayer is the contrite sinner's voice
Returning from his ways;
While angels in their songs rejoice,
And cry, "Behold he prays!"

Restraint, prayer, we cease to fight;
Prayer makes the Christian's armor bright;
And Satan trembles when he sees
The weakest saint upon his knees.

O Thou, by whom we come to God—
The Life, the Truth, the Way;
The path of prayer Thine host trod,
Lord, teach us how to pray! —Montgomery.

Sent in by JIM.

Fellowship.

When a man ain't got a cent, an' he's
feeling kind of blue,
An' clouds hang dark an' heavy, an'
won't let the sunshine through.

It's a great thing, O my brethren, to
be a fellow just to lay
His hand upon your shoulder in a
friendly sort of way.

It makes a man feel queerish;
It makes the teardrops flow;
An' you sort o' feel a flutter in the
region of your heart.

You can't look up an' meet his eyes;
You don't know what to say;
When his hand is on your shoulder in
a friendly sort of way.

Oh, the world's a curious compound,
With its honey and its gall,
With its care and sorrow, but a
good world after all;
An' a good God must have made it,
leastways that's what I read;
When a hand is on your shoulder in
a friendly sort of way.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

FIVE PRIZES A MONTH.

We have concluded to change our
prize system on the first of July.
After that date we shall give five
prizes a month of one dollar each—
three for the best domestic letters and
two for the best descriptive letters
from other states, or of journeys taken
in this or to other states.

We have reason to believe this new
system will give more interest and
satisfaction than the old system of three
graded prizes.

A trial will certainly indicate
whether the change is wise or otherwise.

SOCIAL CORNER EDITOR.

LEARNING FROM AMERICA.

Dear Social Corner Sisters: When this
great world-war is over, the nation
which will give most satisfaction and
honor will be closer united in heart
and hand than ever before, and life
is to be made more convenient for
men and women everywhere.

An English woman writes to America:
"We state the table, the table and
cloth and table napkins like young
sheets, and most of us have never
heard of a dining-room table with a
glass top. We wash our blouses and our
babies' things ourselves, and an electric
iron in our bathroom, with an
atkinsy little ironing table, is still
novel. But we are deeply interested
in the American woman's home life.
We know now of her determination,
since help was so hard to find, and so
troublesome, to keep her own house,
and we have learned of the clever
architects who built the houses
over there, with their many conveniences.
Knives that don't need cleaning,
silver that needs no polishing
because it has been washed in
literally boiling water, and stoves
without carpets or rods are a big
weight off a house."

For these reasons, building begins
again a strenuous time for English
architects. During their enforced leisure
they would do well to concentrate
on dinner-lifts, dust-shoots, speaking-
tubes, rounded corners, cupboard doors,
pantries, electric contrivances, and
other aids to simplicity; and if they
could patent some inventions that
their men would use, they would be
in an excellent position to receive an
excellent thing for their professional
reputation. The American woman's
woman knows more today than she
did three years ago.

Burdens are to be made lighter,
there is emulation coming from the
errors of the past.

SOPHIE.

MINISTRY.

Dear Social Corner Editor:—I noticed
someone suggested that the word
"Ministry" was worthy of discussion
as "Christy," which is true, but I
think the factory and the mines and the
railways minister unto us as much as
the church; and how those under the
system which make things cheap are
compelled to make sacrifices that others
may profit and still others enjoy
comforts the church cannot pay for.

There is no independence, for our
means of living and our enjoyments
all depend upon immediate help beyond
our control. Money is paid for service,
but connected with all faithful
service are ministries which money
cannot pay for.

We are most of us engaged in doing

things for others, things they cannot
do for themselves, and without which
they would suffer.

Nature ministers unto us every day,
and the very laws of God minister to
our needs every moment. RUTH.

THE GARDEN CROP.

Dear Social Corner Editor: No one
wishes to deny that a garden is
a school of experience and in it
everyone senses that the fool's cap and
bells are easily won.

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and supports, and wood screws for at-
taching the wire. On the top side of
the upper shelf four screw eyes are
fastened, two near the wall edge and
the others near the other edge.

To support the upper shelf four
screw eyes are fastened, two near the
wall and two near the other edge. The
remaining shelves can be hung to suit
by the supporting wires, which are
fastened with screws to the end of
each shelf.

Best wishes to all. EASTER LILY.

WELL PLANNED KITCHENS.

Dear Social Corner Sisters:—It is
true that as many women are walked
to death as are worked to death in
doing their kitchen work.

An ingenious architect has figured
out in getting the 1915 models
necessary in a year the housekeeper
travels 20 miles if the distance be-
tween the kitchen range to dining
room be but 25 feet. If the distance
be increased five feet, some 40 miles
is added. These figures are appal-
ling to the comfort of the house-
keeper in a large kitchen, but prac-
tically much depends on the way
space is used in a large kitchen. If
the tables are so planned that no
long distances have to be traveled
between them, a large kitchen
may prove very convenient and
comfortable. In houses of the
added space.

Windows placed to the left of the
cooking range allow for lighting during
the daytime, which is ideal. The
best artificial lighting is by electric-
ity, and the very laws of God minister
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"Gardening will never be quite the
thing," declared the sensible boarder,
"until the style authorities have had
time to figure out chic and fetching
gardening costumes, and this takes
time."

"Geel! That's a pretty conceit!"
laughed the cynical boarder. "Imagine
people solemnly putting on gloves,
overall shoes and official gardening
hats, and the less you wear them the
handler they are, and if you don't
wear them at all they are handiest of
all, because you always know exactly
where they are and can put your hands
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